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31. (New) A method for permitting specification of when advance notification will occur in an advance notification system, the advance notification system for notifying a party of impending arrival of a vehicle at a particular location, the advance notification system comprising (a) a party communications device, (b) a system control situated remote from the vehicle and the party communications device, the system control configured to monitor travel of the vehicle, and (c) a system communications device associated with the system control, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a communications connection between said party communications device and said system communications device;

communicating preference information over said communications connection from said party communications device to said system communications device, said preference information indicating a predefined proximity of said vehicle relative to said particular location when advance notification is desired as said vehicle travels; and

configuring said system control to initiate another communications connection with said party when said proximity of said vehicle to said particular location corresponds with said preference information.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said preference information is a time period.

33. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said preference information is a distance.

34. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said preference information is a specific location on the earth.

35. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said communications connection is a telephone connection.

36 (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said communications connection is at least in part over the Internet.

37. (New) A system for permitting specification of when advance notification will occur in an advance notification system, the advance notification system for notifying a party of impending arrival of a vehicle at a particular location, comprising:

means for monitoring travel of said vehicle;

means for receiving preference information indicating a predefined proximity of said vehicle relative to said particular location when advance notification is desired as said vehicle travels; and

means for communicating to said party when said proximity of said vehicle to said particular location corresponds with said preference information.

38. (New) The system of claim 37, wherein said preference information is a time period.

39. (New) The system of claim 37, wherein said preference information is a distance.

40. (New) The system of claim 37, wherein said preference information is a specific location on the earth.

41. (New) The system of claim 37, wherein said means for communicating is adapted to establish a communications connection at least in part over the public switched telephone network.

42. (New) The system of claim 37, wherein said means for communicating is adapted to establish a communications connection at least in part over the Internet.

43. (New) A system for permitting specification of when advance notification will occur in an advance notification system, the advance notification system for notifying a party of impending arrival of a vehicle at a particular location, comprising:

a communications device; and

a base station computer system configured to monitor travel of said vehicle, said base station computer system configured to receive preference information indicating a predefined proximity of said vehicle relative to said particular location when advance notification is desired as said vehicle travels, and said base station computer system configured to control said communications device to communicate to said party when said proximity of said vehicle to said particular location corresponds with said preference information.

44. (New) The system of claim 43, wherein said preference information is a time period.

45. (New) The system of claim 43, wherein said preference information is a distance.

46. (New) The system of claim 43, wherein said preference information is a specific location on the earth.

47. (New) The system of claim 43, wherein said communications device is a telephone interface.

48. (New) The system of claim 43, wherein said communications device is adapted to establish a communications connection at least in part over the Internet.